

NM EQIP FY 2005 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Grazing Lands - Gallup F.O.

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants - 500 Potential Points (25-50% of Total) Min. 150 required for ranking

Note: A minimum of 25 points from Benchmark to After Points in the Deferment Period section is required and also 150 points is required for section 1 to continue ranking.		% Area in Contract Before Treatment	% Area in Contract After Treatment.	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Grazing Plan	Intensive Grazing			200		
	Seasonal Grazing			100		
	Continuous Grazing			0		
Deferment Period	>90% of Growing Season			200		
	51-90% of Growing Season			75		
	26-50% of Growing Season			25		
	0-25% of Growing Season			0		
Stocking Rate	1 aum/>9 Acres			100		
	1 aum/5.5 - 9 Acres			50		
	1 aum/4 - 5.4 Acres			25		
	1 aum/<4 Acres			0		
1. Plants				Total:		

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection - 900 Potential Points (25-65% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.		Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Soil Erosion (Sheet, Rill & Concentrated Flow)		100		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410)		25		
Range Planting (550)		5		
Brush Management (314)		30		
Prescribed Grazing as CIN in CPO (528A)		40		
Water Quantity (Permanent Water for Ungulates)		100		
Spring Development (547)		20		
Pond (378)		5		
Well (642)		40		
Livestock Pipeline and Storage (516 & 614)		35		
Water Quality (Sediment/Non-Point Source)		300		
Riparian Buffers (390,391,612,472)		200		
Well (642)		30		
Livestock Pipeline and Storage (516 & 614)		25		
Pond (378)		5		
Fencing (382)		40		
Air (Particulate Matter)		25		
Prescribed Grazing as CIN in CPO (528A)		25		
Plants (Productivity, Health, Vigor,)		275		
Prescribed Grazing as CIN in CPO (528A)		200		
Range Planting (550)		5		
Fencing (382)		40		
Brush Management (314)		30		

Animals (Habitat, Management & Forage)	100		
Range Planting (550)	5		
Stream Habitat Improvement (395)	25		
Well (642)	20		
Livestock Pipeline and Storage (516 & 614)	20		
Wildlife Watering Facility (648)	30		
2. Conservation Practice Selection	Total:		

3. Other Considerations - 440 Potential Points (10-25% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to recommend based on LWG advice, please include them as item(s) E, F, G, H and I.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced.	40		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 319 project.	5		
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	50		
E. Treatment of this land will have a beneficial impact on the Rio Puerco watershed.	70		
F. Concentrated Flow Erosion	20		
G. Percent of acres in contract that will have reliable water supply within NRCS distance and quality guidelines by end of contract. Spring development(s) must be fenced.	100		
H. Wildlife escape ramps in existing or planned troughs. 5 pts./tank.	50		
I. 20 points for each additional pasture created under this application (must meet pasture criteria)	100		
3. Other Considerations	Total:		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1_____ Section 2_____ Section 3_____ Total for Worksheet _____

SECTION 1 MINIMUM:

At least 150 points (30% of points possible in Section 1) must be earned to be considered for ranking.

RANKING SHEET MINIMUM:

At least 460 points (25% of total points) must be earned to be considered for ranking.

District Conservationist

Date

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Producer

Date